

MINUTES of SPECIAL MEETING of the MIDLOTHIAN PERFORMANCE REVIEW

AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held in the Council Chambers, Midlothian House,

Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith on Tuesday, 12 June 2012 at 09.00 am.

Present:- Councillors Milligan (Chair), Baxter, Bennett, Constable, Imrie, Muirhead, Pottinger and Russell.

1 Order of Business

The Clerk advised that the order of business had been amended in line with the e-mail issued by the Chair the previous day.

2 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were intimated.

3 2011/2012 Performance Reports

There were submitted Performance Reports detailing the progress of the Corporate Plans for the Midlothian Council; Housing and Community Safety Children and Families; Education; Adult and Community Care and Communities and Support services for 2011/12. Each report contained a summary of the major successes achieved; the major challenges to be faced and the actions to address them; the budget position and the impact of efficiencies and service reductions. Thereafter, the Committee received verbal updates in respect of each of the reports.

Decision

(a) To note the reshaped delivery of care for older people, winning the 2011 Chair's Award from the Scottish Social Services Council;

(b) To note that substantial work was still required on the processing of invoices;

(c) Agreed that a briefing note on the operation of Community Payback Orders be issued to all elected Members;

(d) To note that the impact of the Welfare Rights Reforms were being considered by a Working Group and that a report on this matter would be submitted to Council;

(e) To note that dog fouling remained a concern and the preventative measures being taken to address this;

(f) To note the steps being taken to address the fall in numbers of Foster Carers;

- (g) To note the improvement in attainment levels across Midlothian Schools;
 - (h) To note that the increased pupil population due to new housing developments was putting pressure on accommodation in a number of Primary Schools;
 - (i) To note the rebalancing of care for older people, including a national award;
 - (j) To note the measures in place to address the managing of stress and absence within the Adult and Community Care service;
 - (k) Agreed that consideration be given to expanding the use of the Internet within Libraries; and
 - (l) To note that a report on the School Estate Plan would be submitted to Council.
- (Action: (c) Acting Director, Communities and Wellbeing; and (k) Head of Communities and Support)

The meeting terminated at 10.53am.

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